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It is a period of opportunity. In a galaxy oppressed by the cruelty of Imperial forces, there is little hope for the future. But for those operating on the fringes, there is potential for profit.

Rogue archaeologist Aphra is back to retrieving rare artifacts with a pair of homicidal droids and Wookiee bounty hunter Black Krrsantan. Aphra's plans are suspended, however, when her estranged father gets her to join his search for the mysterious Ordu Aspectu.

After very narrowly escaping Imperial forces on Yavin 4, Aphra and her father reach the long-lost citadel of the Ordu Aspectu. Upon arriving, they immediately know that they have found the ancient Jedi order. What they don't know is that they've been followed....

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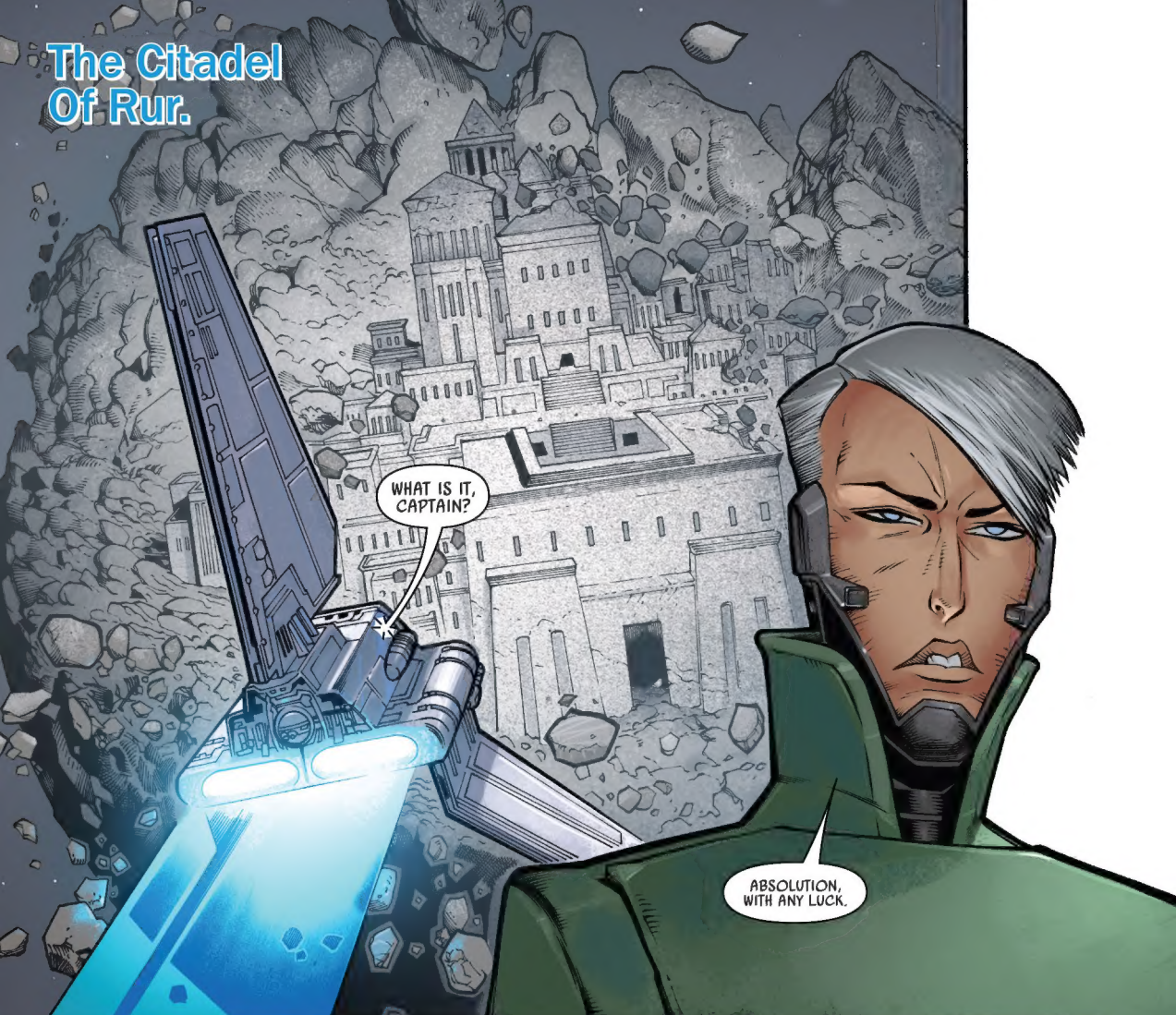
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The Citadel Of Rur.



WHAT IS IT,
CAPTAIN?

ABSOLUTION,
WITH ANY LUCK.



I'M SORRY,
CAPTAIN?

DON'T BE.
I SHOULD BE.
A POETICAL
FLOURISH.

AN
UNFORGIVABLE
EXTRAVAGANCE
IN AN IMPERIAL
OFFICER.



ADVANCE.
SECURE THE SPACE
STATION. FIRE
AT WILL.



SO, DAD.
WHAT DO YOU
THINK?

GOOD
FEELING/BAD
FEELING?

DON'T
BE SARCASTIC.
THIS IS AN
ABOMINATION.



JEDI WERE TYPICALLY
CREMATED. THESE DIED IN
PAIN...AND THAT THEY'RE
HERE SHOWS THERE WERE
NO JEDI TO PERFORM THE
TRADITIONAL
RITES.

UNLESS THE
ORDU ASPECTU
HAD A DIFFERENT
TRADITION, OF
COURSE...

AH...NO, THESE
AREN'T ORDU.
NONE OF THE
ICONOGRAPHY.

THESE ARE
ORTHODOX
JEDI...



WHAT A
HORRIBLE DEATH
FOR THOSE WHO
LIVED ONLY FOR
PEACE.



WE...

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

THERE'S ALWAYS COLLECTORS LOOKING FOR SECONDHAND LIGHTSABERS.

YOU'RE...
ROBBING CORPSES!

WHAT DO YOU THINK I ACTUALLY DO, DAD? ARCHAEOLOGY IS JUST GRAVE ROBBING WITH FANCY PAPERWORK.

AND I'VE GOT DEBTS TO PAY.

GGRRRRRRHHHH!

YES, I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN. IT'S NOT *JUST* ABOUT THE MONEY.

WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

I PROMISED TO FIND THE PEOPLE WHO TRAINED HIM TO BE A GLADIATOR.

HE DOESN'T OBJECT TO THE LIFESTYLE. HE OBJECTS TO ANYONE CONTROLLING HIM. EVER.

AH. WELL. NOW I CAN SEE WHY YOU TWO GET ALONG.

HEY--
BARBED PASSIVE AGGRESSION IS MY MOVE.

LET'S GO.



OKAY...
BIG SEALED
BLAST DOOR.
AND THE TEXT...
WAIT, DON'T
TELL ME.



ETERNAL
RUR?

IMMORTAL
RUR.



LET'S
FIND THE
GENERATOR.

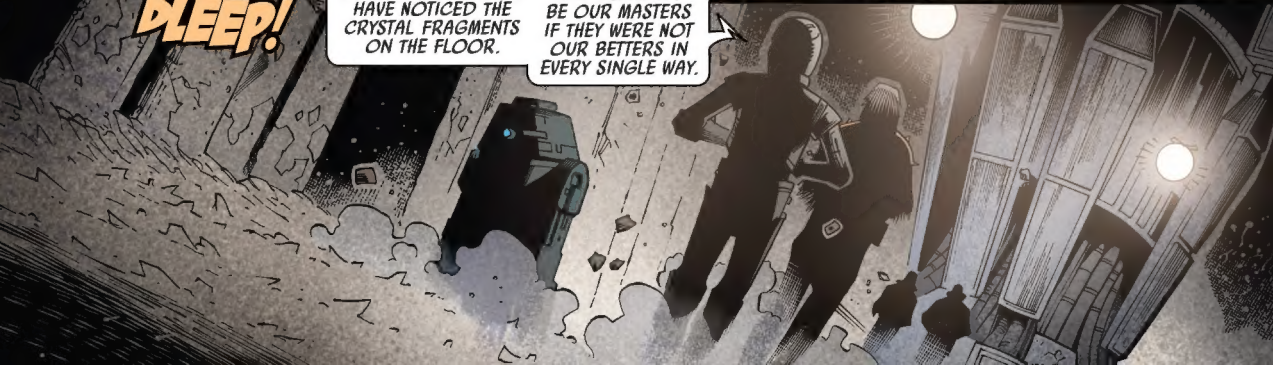


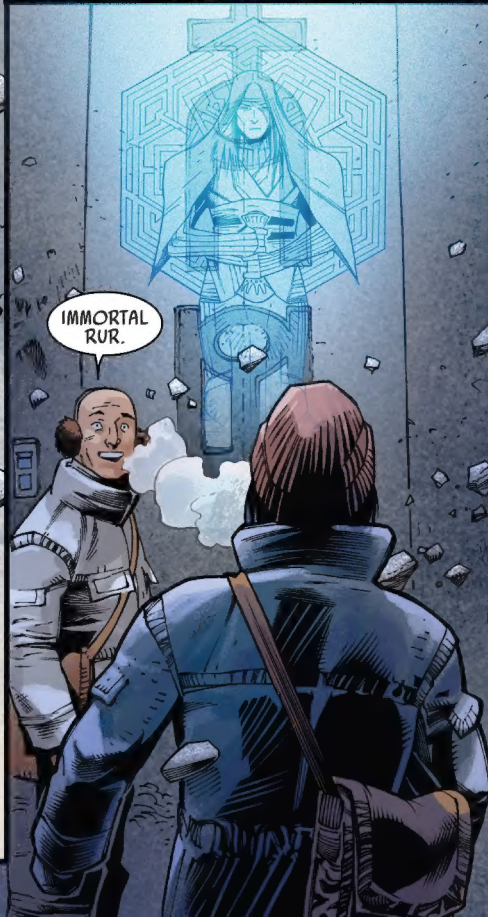
TA-DA!

BLEEP!

YES, BEETEE. I'M SURE
OUR HUMAN MASTERS
HAVE NOTICED THE
CRYSTAL FRAGMENTS
ON THE FLOOR.

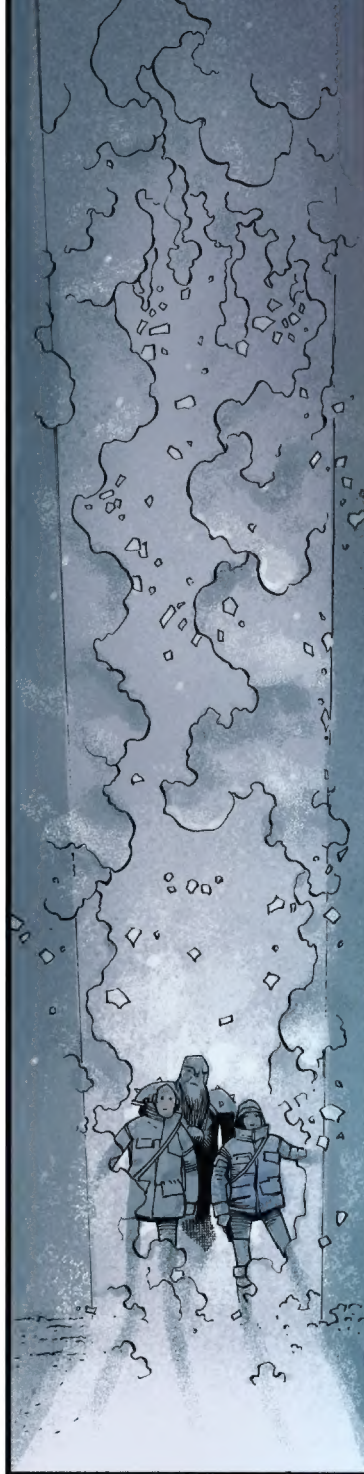
THEY WOULDN'T
BE OUR MASTERS
IF THEY WERE NOT
OUR BETTERS IN
EVERY SINGLE WAY.

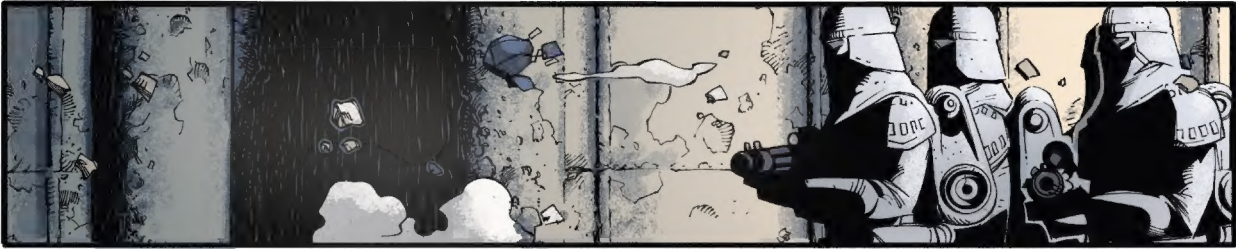
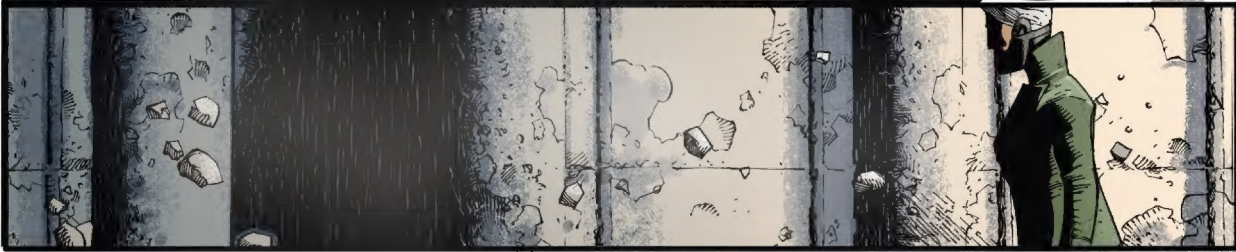
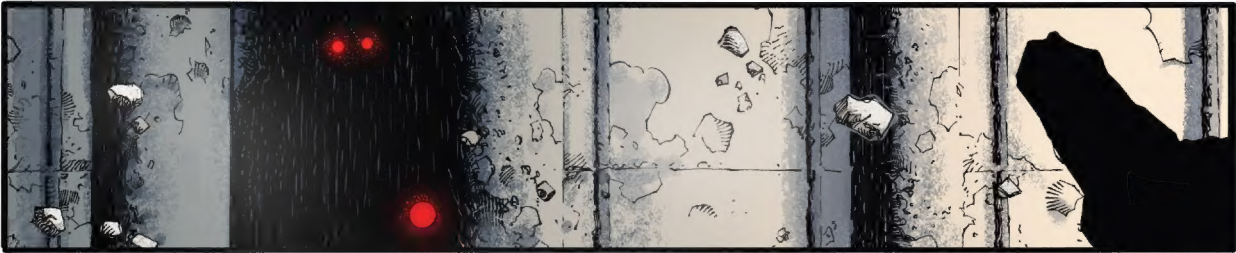
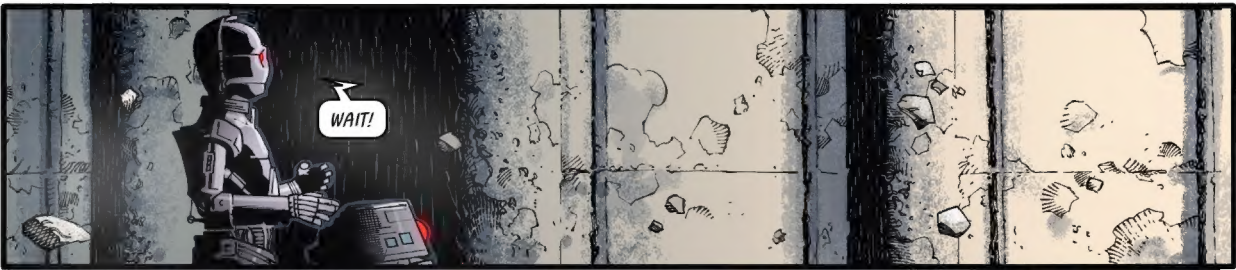






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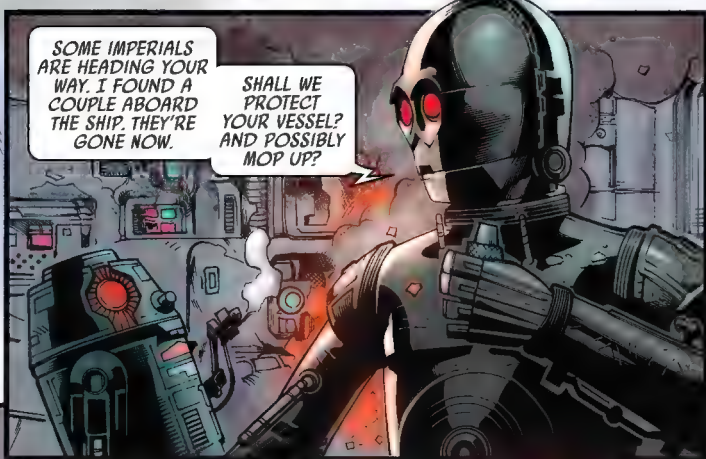


ADVANCE!



HELL.

MASTER
APHRA!



SOME IMPERIALS
ARE HEADING YOUR
WAY. I FOUND A
COUPLE ABOARD
THE SHIP. THEY'RE
GONE NOW.

SHALL WE
PROTECT
YOUR VESSEL?
AND POSSIBLY
MOP UP?



GEE,
THANKS FOR
THE WARNING,
GUYS. PREP
THE SHIP.

KRRSANTAN--
SLOW THEM
DOWN AND THEN
PULL BACK.

WE'LL TRY
AND FIND A
SAFE PLACE FOR
YOU TO PICK
US UP.

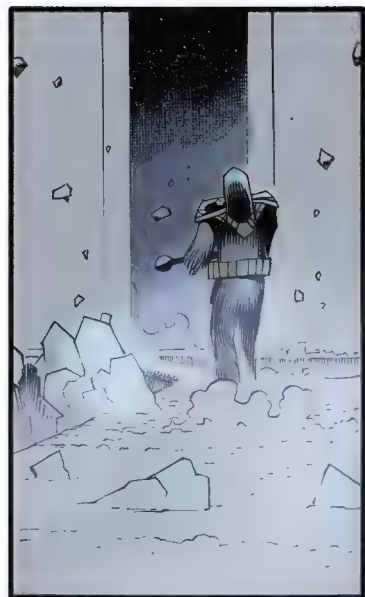
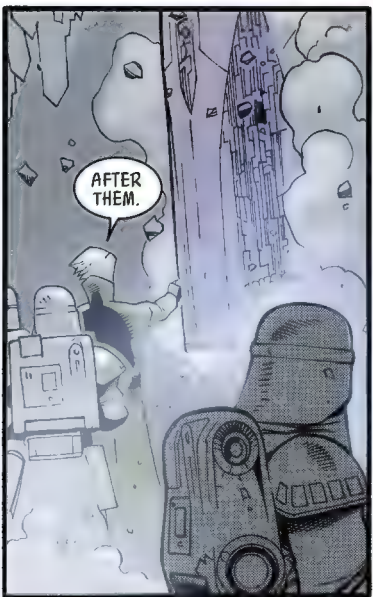
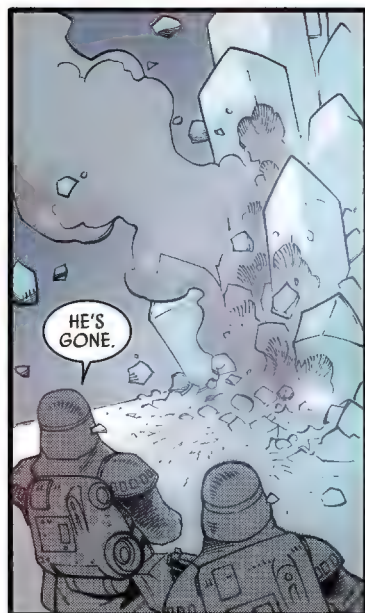
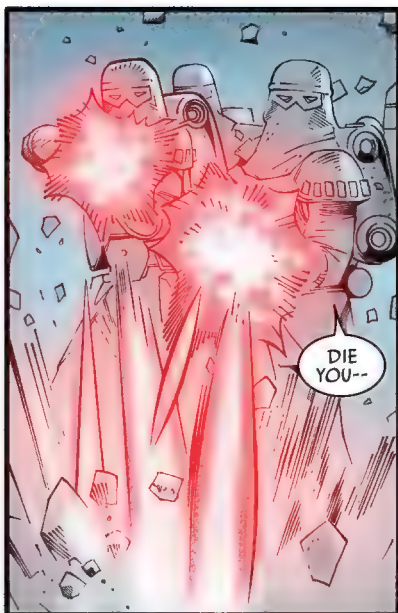
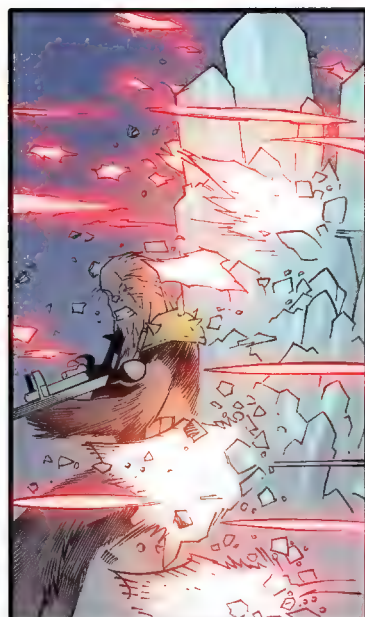
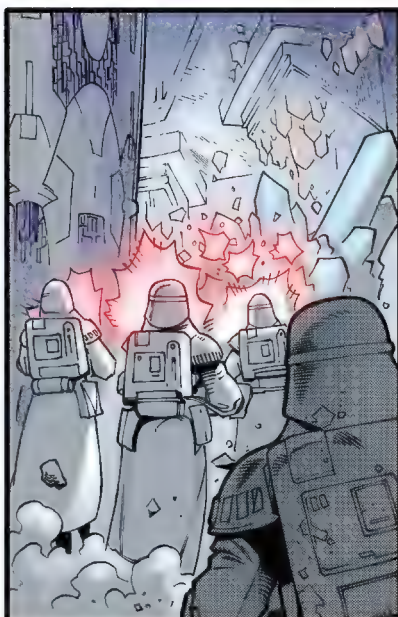


HGGGRGGRGRH!

AND
REACH THE
CORE, OF
COURSE.

WE'LL
SEE.





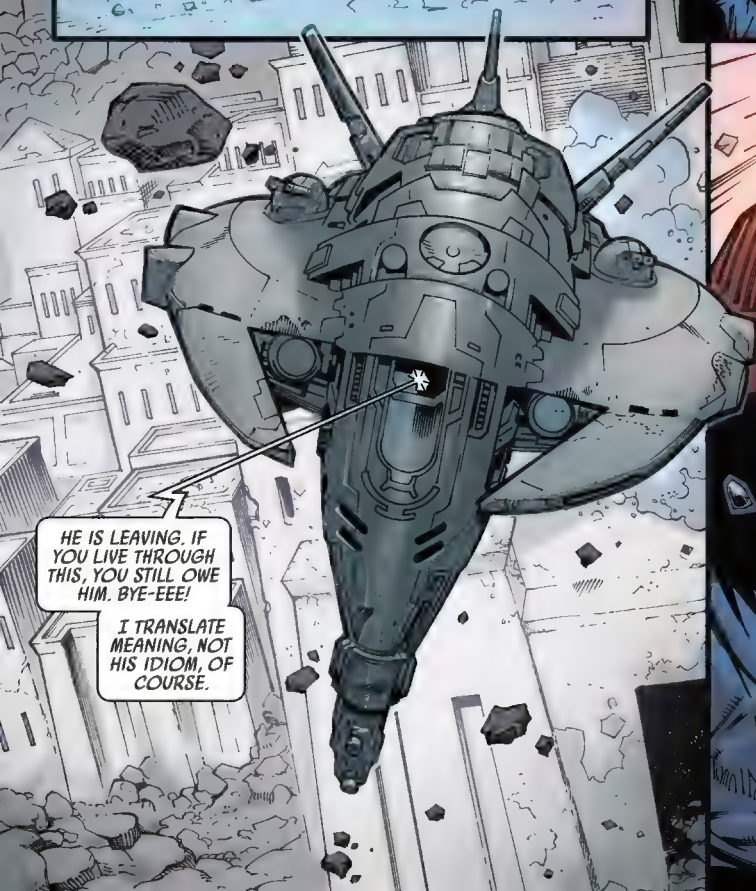
A FORCE
BRIDGE. ELEGANT,
BEAUTIFUL, AND
SURPRISINGLY EASY TO
TRAVERSE! WE LEARN
SO MUCH WITH
EVERY STEP!

THE
COMPUTER
CORE SHOULD
BE THIS WAY.
FOLLOW M--

HELL.

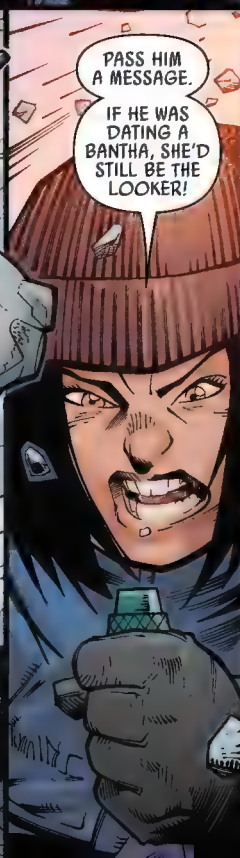


MASTER
APHRA...BLACK
KRRSANTAN IS
HERE.
HE TOLD ME
TO PASS YOU
A MESSAGE.



HE IS LEAVING. IF
YOU LIVE THROUGH
THIS, YOU STILL OWE
HIM. BYE-EEE!

I TRANSLATE
MEANING, NOT
HIS IDIOM, OF
COURSE.

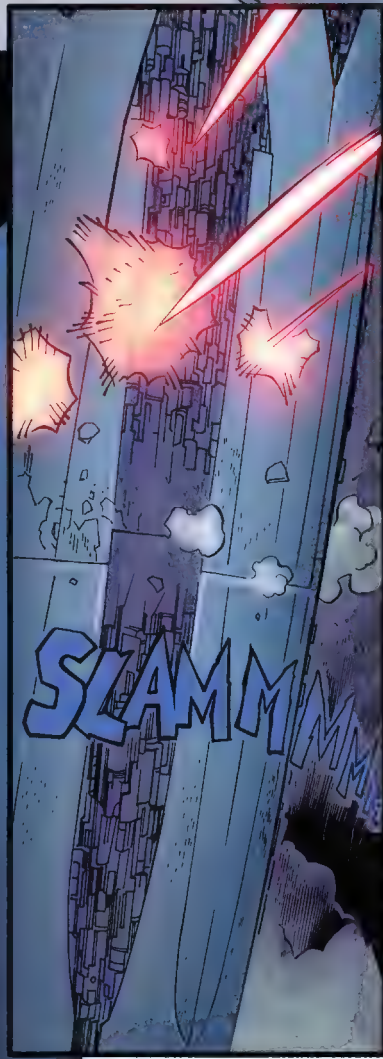
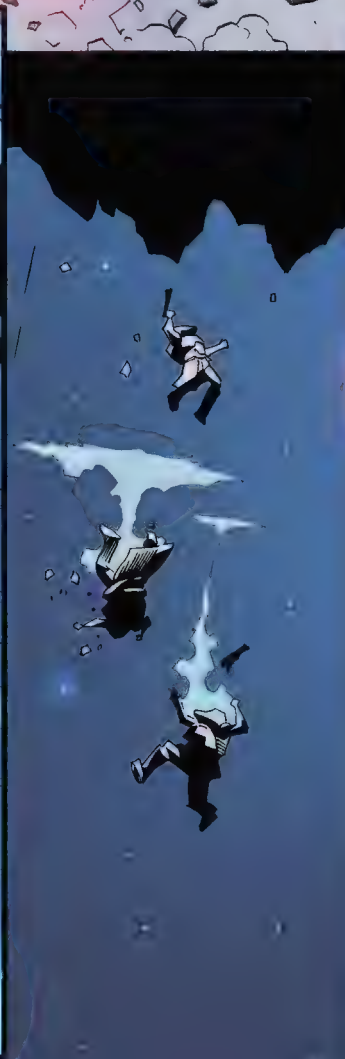
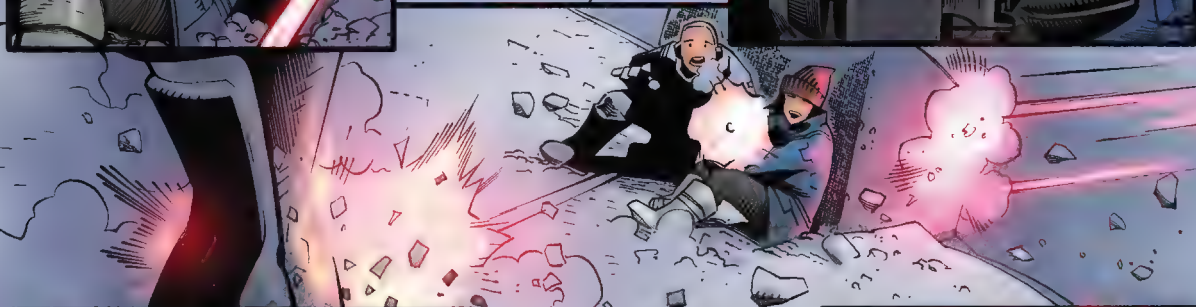
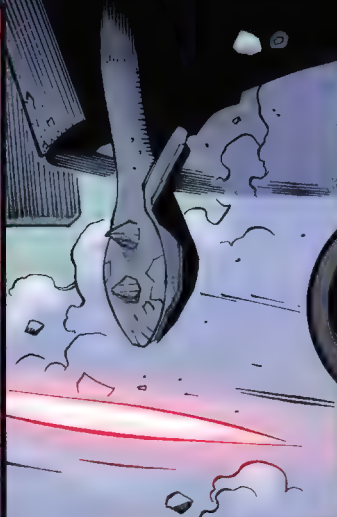
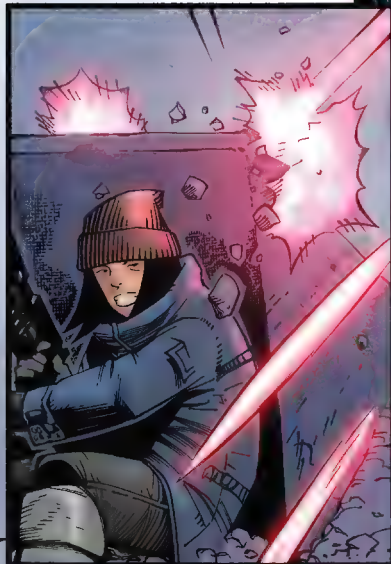


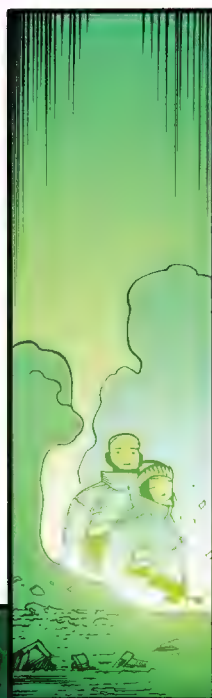
PASS HIM
A MESSAGE.

IF HE WAS
DATING A
BANTHA, SHE'D
STILL BE THE
LOOKER!



WHAT
ARE WE
GOING TO
DO?





BY THE CONSOLE...IT'S HIM! IMMORTAL RUR!





IT'S MISSING A CRYSTAL. WE CAN'T REBOOT THE COMPUTER.

SO, DAD, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HAPPENED HERE.

AND WE'RE GOING TO SIT HERE, NOT KNOWING ANYTHING UNTIL THE IMPERIALS CATCH UP...



I MEAN, YOU HAVE TO BE USED TO THAT. ALL THESE YEARS BELIEVING IN THE ORDU ASPECTU WITH LITTLE OR NO EVIDENCE.

I WAS TRYING TO BRING LIGHT BACK TO THE UNIVERSE.



YOU WANTED TO SAVE THE UNIVERSE? YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW SCARY THE UNIVERSE IS.

I KNOW. I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FORGET.



I KNEW. THAT'S WHY I CHASED THE ORDU, CHELLI.



WHEN THE JEDI DIED, WE ALL SAW WHAT CAME NEXT...AND WE HAD TO TRY AND FIND A WAY OUT. I ALWAYS LOVED THE ORDU...BUT IT WAS ONLY WHEN THE GALAXY BURNED THAT I ACTIVELY CHASED THEM.

I WAS ONE MAN. I WAS NO WARRIOR. WHAT DIFFERENCE COULD I MAKE?



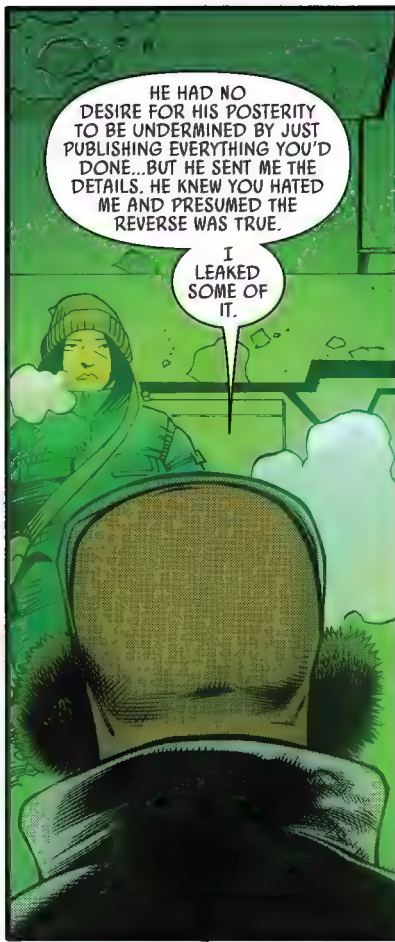
I COULD BRING BACK THE ORDU.

THEN WE COULD HAVE A GALAXY SAFE FOR MY DAUGHTER TO GROW UP IN.





THE SAVA
YOU STOLE THE
SYMBIOTES FROM
DIED LAST
MONTH.



HE HAD NO
DESIRE FOR HIS POSTERITY
TO BE UNDERMINED BY JUST
PUBLISHING EVERYTHING YOU'D
DONE...BUT HE SENT ME THE
DETAILS. HE KNEW YOU HATED
ME AND PRESUMED THE
REVERSE WAS TRUE.

I
LEAKED
SOME OF
IT.



IF YOU
GET OUT OF
HERE, IT'S EASY
TO GET YOUR
DOCTORATE
BACK.

ALL YOU
HAVE TO
DO--



NO,
DON'T TELL
ME YET.

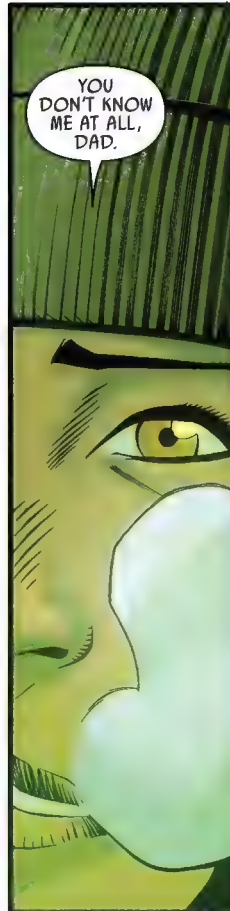


DON'T BE
NAIVE.

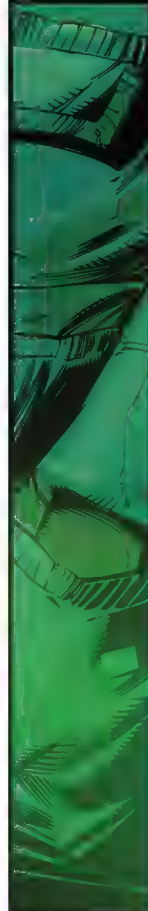
IF YOU REMOVE
THE GUN FROM
MY HEAD, I MAY BE
TEMPTED TO
STAB YOU.



YOU
WOULDN'T.



YOU
DON'T KNOW
ME AT ALL,
DAD.



SO, DO
YOU WANT
TO TURN THIS
THING ON
AND FIND OUT
WHAT THE HELL
THE ORDU
WERE UP
TO?



WH-WHAT...

RUR
THE NOT-
SO-IMMORTAL
HAD ONE.

I PALMED
IT WHEN I
SEARCHED
HIM.



SO
WHAT WAS
THAT?

WE
DON'T TALK
ENOUGH.

SEEMED
A GOOD TIME,
WITH THE ABOUT-
TO-DIE AND
ALL.



BUT DAD...
LISTEN.



THIS REBOOTS THE
CORE COMPUTER. THAT'S
THE ONLY WAY WE'RE
GOING TO GET TO
THE RECORDS.

BUT I'M
PRETTY SURE RUR
DIED TURNING THE
SYSTEM OFF.



ARE YOU SURE YOU
WANT TO KNOW
THIS BADLY?





WH...WHEN
IS THIS?

WHO ARE
YOU?

I AM
RUR.
WHEN IS
THIS?



ER...
PRETTY SURE
YOU'RE
NOT.

I'M
SORRY.
RUR...IS
DEAD.



THAT
SHELL IS
THE FALSE
RUR.





I AM
RUR.
ETERNAL
RUR.

YOU KNOW,
I GET THE
FEELING "I TOLD
YOU SO" IS GOING
TO BE AN AWFUL LOT
LESS SATISFYING
THAN I THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE.

DOCTOR APHRA

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